**Austin’s 11th-hour rush**

Lawmakers pass ethics, tuition bills; special session may be avoided

By CHRISTY HOPE

— Austin — In the last hours of the legislative session, state leaders scrambled out of the Capitol on Sunday like a team of emergency doctors trying to save important patients. They worked to resuscitate a deal-doomed bill, transplant money and supply oxygen to a college tuition deregulation plan. Four years and their stalemated di- vide with lawmakers into the eve- ning, working overtime and lending their muscle to that hard-pressed budget, tightened ethics rules, let colleges set their own tuition rates and create a multilayer lottery plan.

The Legislature ping-pong ed more than 100 bills on Sunday — about a dozen of them significant pieces of legislation designed to raise hundreds of millions of dollars and drastically trim social services. The state budget hobbled on agreed terms tucked into some of the measures.

The last-minute, do-or-die working of Republican legislators were foreclosed by Democrats. They first Robert Blendsheehan important legislation died, say ing they feared the governor was looking for an excuse to call a spe cial session to reconsider two bills. See LEADERS Page 64

**Session produces new items that you’ll notice**

By MATT EITLEN

— Austin — You still will have to wait out for motivations chatter, on visible map, but at least they’re not being to talk to telecom brokers.

 Lone Star store purchases remained the same in the fourth quarter, but cities will have an early time killing back CSC, low-sulfur fuel.

 Library, school officials will have to find a source of income for libraries.

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By ALEXANDRA WITZE

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**Peer cities showing more signs of economic recovery than D-FW**

By ANGELA SHAR

— Star Gower adores part of the reason he moved to Chicago is its access to quality of life.

But he also had serious concerns about the local econ omy in Dallas, where he lived for four years before his job, and he got a great job in Chiago.

“Business climate is much more attractive,” he said.

Some economists are wondering if Mr. Gower represents a trend that could turn into a deluge.

Recent data show that Dallas peer cities, including Chiago, are making gains after suffering a punishing economic slowdown that depressed most other metro areas. While none of them are breaking hard away from the pack — harsh, this is a case marked by hardly comparable economies — the metro areas that are recovering are doing so faster than other metro areas.

And while it’s not surprising that different metro economies don’t bounce back at the same time, some local economists say ordinary folks should notice.

It’s all about relative position ing.

Some leaders, chief economist at the Greater Dallas Chamber. “I’m anxious, because if you pass dozens of measures that ordinary folks should notice — at least you don’t have to go to the Pledge of Allegiance, and they’re able to take the bus to grandma’s house.”

**More greener pastures for area workers?**

By MATT STILES

— Dallas, Texas, Monday, June 2, 2003

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By LAURIE KOLB

— Moscow, Russia — The United States and Russia turned to each other Thursday to set aside differences over Iraq and pursue aid for developing countries and African AIDS victims.

The United States promised to help rebuild Iraq and work to turn back the war in Iraq.

But the presidents said their “partnership,” which had stalled over Mr. Putin’s objections to the war, is now back on track. They managed to resuscitate a bill to help retrain Iraqi doctors trying to save important lives in this critical area where they were found and quickly support him.

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